



PRE-CHARGE DIVERSION PROGRAM



What is Pre-Charge Diversion

Pre-Charge Diversion is a non-punitive intervention that allows a youth who commits certain juvenile offense to be directed away from juvenile justice system involvement. Pre-Charge Diversion is considered an alternative response to formal/informal interaction with Juvenile Court Services.

Who is Eligible

Youth 17yrs old or younger living in Johnson County who commit simple misdemeanor offenses within the County and have not committed other similar offenses in the past are eligible for Pre-Charge Diversion option.

Our Focus

Our primary goal is to help youth avoid future involvement with the juvenile justice system through; information and education about juvenile offenses, skill building, and reflective conversations. In addition, we hope to help youth and their families identify resources and supports that could prevent future involvement with juvenile justice system.

Testimonials

*I am so thankful that a program exist that allows teens to truly learn from their mistakes and get a second chance**

*This helped me figure out how to avoid problems, so I don't end up in a situation like this again**

"I really enjoyed this program and what you are doing"

"I very much appreciated the entire approach that was taken that stressed education and informing the kids to make better choices"

"This program helped me understand the risk and consequences of my actions"

How it works

The Pre-Charge Diversion programming format varies depending on the type of pre-charge offense. During the programming detailed information is shared about the Pre-charge program, the type of offense related to the referral, and juvenile court services. Parent and youth are also provided space and opportunity to process the pre-charge offense as well as associated intended or unintended consequences related to the juvenile offense.

The Format

Pre-Charge Diversion programming is facilitated as class format or individual format based on the type of offense as well as specific details of the offense and what format best suits the youth.

Theft related offenses:

1-hour diversion class (3rd Thursday of each month)

Substance related offenses:


1-hour class format (2nd Thursday of each month) or Individual family session(s)

All other pre-charge offenses:

individual family session(s)

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